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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

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To further its goal of raising the academic performance of children and youth under the supervision of DCFS and Probation, the Los Angeles County Education Coordinating Council established a School Attendance Task Force, chaired by the Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court, to address ways to significantly improve attendance. Student attendance has been shown to be one of the most critical factors in achieving academic success, and it is also a key indicator of student physical and mental health.

In its recently published report, "*A Comprehensive Approach to Improving Student Attendance in Los Angeles County*," the School Attendance Task Force recommended developing a countywide attendance awareness campaign during the 2012-13 school year to inform and engage the community about the importance of good school attendance.

This campaign, *I'm In*, will be launched in the fall and all school districts in the County will be encouraged to participate. A highlight of the *I'm In* campaign will be the first countywide Student Recovery Day, which will be held on September 14. On this Day, school board members and staff, as well as a host of volunteers, will go to the homes of students who have been chronically absent or who have dropped out of school and try to interest them in returning to school and resuming their studies.

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**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors declare the month of September as “School Attendance Month” and encouraging cities and school districts throughout the County to participate in the campaign.